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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...that that, in fact, is...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Hall, your light is next. Senator Preister, your light is next.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable Speaker, friends all, I would just like to take this moment to first let Senator Withem know that I appreciated the opportunity to speak on his bill earlier and that my intention was not to delay that bill and that my intention was not to delay anything of the process that's already delayed here in the body. And I wanted to do that on record and to let everyone know that I appreciated their support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I will speak briefly. As I understand the proposed amendment, it would...well, it, in this case I guess, refers only to one county. But I would suggest that, in all probability, all property needed to be treated uniformly. I doubt constitutionally that you can treat property, exempt in one county and not in another and not run afoul of the...either the protection clause or perhaps even special legislation. So I would suggest, rather than arguing at great length on the merits of each of these substantive...if they're going to be dealt with on a county by county basis, you probably just simply want to vote no because it probably would create a problem for your entire bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this is the only one that I would try to do on the basis of an individual county because it is an individual county where the difficulty arises and we often will use the vehicle of a legislative bill or an amendment, or a resolution, to touch on some of the difficulties that exist in one of the political subdivisions. And right now I would defy anybody to explain what the status of Ak-Sar-Ben is right now in Douglas County? Who actually owns it? What is the nature of that ownership?